

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Youth Council Minutes

February 24, 2010

Present: Everett Amaral, Cynthia Farrell, Sharon Gainey, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Elizabeth Gilheeney, Lee Lewis, Dorothy Mattiello, Michael Montanaro, Scott Seaback, Kathleen Stoddart, Philip Stone, Andrew Tyska

Absent: Sue Babin, Vanessa Cooley, Joe DeSantis, Alexis Devine, Joseph DiPina, Lissa Dryer, Alberto Deburgo, Andrew DeTora

Guests: Christine Grieco, Brian Gambardella, Carlos Ribeiro, Sharon Geoffrey, Pam Blais, David Banno, Kara Aniballi, Sherri Carello

With a quorum present Chair Cynthia Farrell called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Minutes of October 15, 2009 and January 21, 2010

Chair Cynthia Farrell asked the Youth Council to review the minutes of the October 15, 2009 and January 21, 2010 meetings.

Sharon Gainey stated that she was present at the January 21, 2010 meeting; the minutes presented forth to the Council did not reflect

this. Scott Seaback then stated he was absent at the January 21, 2010 meeting; the minutes also did not reflect this.

VOTE: Scott Seaback motioned to accept the minutes with the above noted corrections. Philip Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Youth Program Funds

Brian Gambardella discussed 2010 Youth Program funding. Total funds will be \$3.3M in WIA formula and \$500,000 in ARRA funds.

At the close of the 2009 ARRA summer program, there was \$500,000 in funds that was not spent. These funds will be carried forward to the 2010 ARRA summer program. The 2010 ARRA summer program fund amount has not yet been received. As soon as the dollar amount is received, we will begin the RFP process.

Brian explained that, in some cases, youth vendors have not spent all funds requested in their RFP's. This has resulted in funds being returned to the Federal government. This, in turn, will effect future WIA funding and has prevented WPGRI from funding expanded programs with existing vendors or additional programs with other vendors.

Carlos Ribeiro stated that the Youth RFP process is on hold pending announcement of the requirements for the 2010 summer program.

Requirements for eligibility and benchmarks may be different from last year.

WIA

VOTE_____

WPGRI Proposed the following:

Agency # to Serve Funds

CCAP (Youth Center-Northern RI) 60 \$400,000.00

East Bay Community Action Youth Center 60 \$400,000.00

CCAP (Youth Center-West Bay) 60 \$400,000.00

Family Resources Youth Center 60 \$400,000.00

South County Community Action Youth Center 60 \$400,000.00

MyTurn WIA Standalone 100 \$269,994.61

CCAP WIA Standalone 60 \$354,000.00

Boys and Girls Club of East Providence 60 \$300,000.00

CCAP WIA Standalone 60 \$294,000.00

RiverzEdge Arts Project WIA Standalone 10 \$62,952.92

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program 20 \$109,756.00

Total 610

\$3,390,703.53

VOTE: Dorothy Mattiello motioned to accept the proposed funding. Andrew Tyska seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

JDF

Vote _____

WPGRI Proposed the following:

Agency # to Serve Funds

CCAP (Youth Center Northern) 500 \$50,000.00

East Bay Community Action Youth Center 400 \$50,000.00

CCAP (Youth Center West Bay) 450 \$50,000.00

Family Resources Youth Center 450 \$50,000.00

South County Community Action Youth Center 400 \$50,000.00

Total 2200

\$250,000.00

VOTE: Elizabeth Gilheeney motioned to accept the proposed funding. Scott Seaback seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ARRA 2010 Summer Program

Carlos Ribeiro presented his concept paper proposing funding

allocation to Vocational Technical Schools for the 2010 ARRA youth summer program. The goal of the program is to expose “at risk middle school students” to a different atmosphere of learning.

The Vocational Technical Schools will be implementing a program which builds on their strength of providing academic enrichment, career and technical training and school-to-career programs.

Over the course of the program youth will complete six technical exploratory rotations in Graphic Design/Printing, Automotive Careers, Hospitality, Construction, Business Technology and Electronics.

Each Vocational Technical School will partner with the local youthWORKS411 Youth Center for determining eligibility, assessment, and suitability. Each youthWORKS411 Youth Center will have a liaison responsible for logistical and programmatic aspects.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Youth Council is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.